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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-referenced U.S. national stage patent application, and any calculation of filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

These claims amend the amended claims filed on May 19, 2005 with the Australian Patent Office.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (113272.NEW1). Any fee due is authorized above.

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